

DR. POTEAT HAILS JESUS' ADEQUACY

Defines Program Keystone in Inaugural Sermon

Dr. Edwin McNeill Poteat, preaching his inaugural sermon before one of the largest congregations of the year at Euclid Avenue Baptist Church yesterday morning, said he would take as the basis of his program "the polar fact of the adequacy of Jesus."

"I shall attempt, so long as I am here, to relate all movements, facts and persons, to Jesus, to discover their significance," Dr. Poteat said.

"To the words of Jesus: 'If I be lifted up I will draw all men unto Myself,' might have been added: 'And all the goings-on of men will derive their final, unassailable significance from me. You lift and I'll pull, and together we'll move the world.'"

In defining the challenge to the power of religion today, Dr. Poteat mentioned three streams whose confluence endangered the polarity and perspective of Jesus.

Defines "isms"

"The first is Communism, whose pole star is material goods and earthly benefits," he said. "In its perspective Communism sees history and the future as the struggle between classes."

"The second is Nazism, and its pole star is the integrity of race. Its perspective views Jesus as a Nordic, and it envisions that the future belongs of the blonds."

"The third is Fascism, with a polestar consisting of the unqualified and unimpeachable dominance of the state. Its perspective is that all history is the story of the rise and fall of states. The future belongs to that state which can establish and advance its life most resolutely and effectively."

"The defects in each of these philosophies are plainly to be seen, but the important fact is that each is Messianic and planetary in its regard for its own mission, and to the Christian that is ominous."

"Jesus discovered the germ of these clamorous philosophies in His day. These ideas are not new; they are old ideas dressed in modern shirts, red, brown and black. But Jesus, seeing the menace in the germ, offered in His day and in all subsequent days, a wealth that knows no exploitation or plunder, a kinship that knows no color or tongue, and a kingdom that knows no nation or people."

"This gives to me a sense of the contemporary importance of the gospel, and makes it possible for me to hold fast to a modicum of indestructible optimism. The tatter of words that fall is not the doom of mankind. It is the promise of a new day. These are tumultuous and threatening days, but we shall not be afraid."

Author of Five Books

A tall man, with a soft southern voice, Dr. Poteat is the author of five books which show a practical side of Christianity. His philosophy is that the Christian tradition is the answer to the needs of the world in every department of life.

In speaking of his plans at Euclid Avenue Church last night he emphasized that he would first of all insist on the position of the final adequacy of Jesus.

"I shall not allow my interest in the kind of program I desire to see in effect to betray me into doing things too hastily," Dr. Poteat said.

"I want to take at least a year in getting personally acquainted with every member of the church, and in meeting people of all kinds in the city."

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Fruit Tempting at Festival



The lucky fellow who is being tempted is Paul Sabo. With Eleanor Barry (left) and Ann Suto (center), Sabo was in the throngs yesterday celebrating the traditional Hungarian grape festival at St. Elizabeth's Hungarian Catholic Church, E. 90th Street and Buckeye Road S. E.

2,000 CELEBRATE GRAPE FESTIVALS

Hungarian Custom Heralds Coming of Autumn

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BY JOHN P. LEACAGOS

The Buckeye Road district yesterday was one joyous confusion when more than 2,000 Clevelanders of Hungarian descent who live there paraded through the streets, sang folk songs and whirled away into carzdas in celebration of the traditional Hungarian grape festivals.

To open their particular festival there were four going on at one time—the congregation of St. Elizabeth's Hungarian Catholic Church had four horsemen, dressed as nobles in brown and red robes, lead 300 costumed paraders in green and red-decked automobiles in winding procession through two miles of streets.

More than 1,000 finally crowded the hall and grounds of the church at E. 90th Street and Buckeye Road S. E., where several hundreds had awaited the singing, shouting procession. Michael Brada, president of the church council, was chairman of the arrangements committee. Eleanor Buchla directed several scores of children in white peasant skirts and red bodices in folk dances.

The other festivals, or szuret balls, were held by the Cleveland Hungarian Young People's Society at 11213 Buckeye; by St. John's

NEGRO PARISH GETS ASSISTANT PASTOR

Our Lady of Blessed Sacrament to Expand Service

As the first step in extending the activities of Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament, the only Negro Catholic church in the Diocese of Cleveland, Rev. Henry Langhals, C. P. S., of Kalida, O., yesterday became the assistant to the pastor, Rev. Melchior Lochtefeld, C. P. S.

Father Langhals was ordained a priest of the Congregation of the Precious Blood in the chapel of St. Charles' Seminary, Carthagen, O., May 6. After serving a short time in Detroit he was assigned to the Cleveland church by Rev. Ignatius Wagner, provincial of the Congregation of the Precious Blood.

"Father Langhals' coming to minister to the people in this parish marks an epoch in its history," Father Lochtefeld said yesterday in introducing his new assistant to the congregation at the mass at 10:30 a. m. and at an informal reception later.

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The coming of the assistant means the adding of a mass to the daily schedule of the church. This will be at 6:30 every morning except Saturday and will be for the accommodation of men and women who go to work early. On Saturday the mass will be said in the chapel of the convent of the Sisters of the Precious Blood which adjoins the church.

The Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament parochial school opened Tuesday with an enrollment of 180 pupils, an increase of 40 over last year.

Beginning Tuesday, Sept. 21, a perpetual novena will be held in honor of Blessed Martin Porres, a Dominican brother whose cause for canonization is being considered by the Sacred Congregation of Rites in Rome. This devotion will be part of the daily mass at 8 a. m. and at an evening service each day.

Reports of the Oxford World Conference formed the subject of sermons by Dr. C. Jeffares McCombe and Dr. Arthur J. Culler, Cleveland delegates to the conference, yesterday morning. Dr. McCombe and Dr. Culler spoke in their respective pulpits at Church of the Saviour and Heights' Christian Church.

Both emphasized the ecumenical character of the conference and mentioned the final communion service at historic St. Mary's Church, presided over by the Archbishop of Canterbury.

"It was a most gracious ending, not perfect, but moving forward to the ultimate unity of the children of God," said Dr. Culler.

In describing the personnel and make-up of the conference Dr. McCombe said there were 800 delegates from 45 countries, representing every branch of Christendom. Lutheran, Calvinist, Anglican and non-conformist groups.

"There were Russian exiles, Greek Orthodox patriarchs, bearded patriarchs of the Assyrian church, and Japanese and Chinese at one in Christ's searching for the Christian way of life, as newsboys called out their headlines about impending war between their nations," he said.

"Above that cry they were listening to a deeper trumpet call: 'Love your enemies.'"

On the work of the Oxford Conference in relation to problems of church and state, Dr. Culler said: "The state is not the source of justice as the church is not the source of salvation; both are from God. The state dare not exist for its own sake even as the church may not, but both for the welfare of the people, the one their relations in the sphere of justice, the other their fellowship in the spirit."

Speaking on "How Are Things in Europe?" Rev. Franklyn Cole Sherman, who returned last week from a two-month European tour, asserted that before one may judge them it is necessary to assume an attitude of sympathy toward the European peoples.

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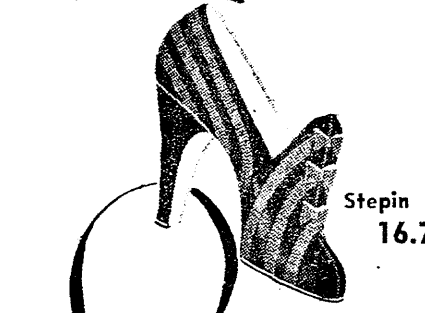
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